



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: Army Spec./4 Larry D. McNew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beck of Coloma, arrives at Oakland, Calif., en route home from Vietnam on first "Homecoming-USA" flight for Christmas holidays. A warm welcome is extended by Kathleen Foxworthy, stewardess for World Airways. "Homecoming-USA" flights are operated by World Airways and the USO for servicemen with at least four months, but not more than eight months, in Vietnam. Fourteen-day leaves were announced recently by Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, commanding general, military assistance command, Vietnam. McNew entered the army two years ago and has served about six months in Vietnam.

During W.W. II

Russians Feared More Than Nazis

LONDON (AP) — Ten months before D-Day, Allied military strategists discussed the possibility of repelling the Russians if they suddenly began overrunning Nazi Germany.

Gen. George C. Marshall, World War II U.S. chief of staff, asked his British counterpart in August 1943 if he thought Germany would help Allied troops enter Europe "to repel the Russians."

The quotation came from official minutes of the Combined Chiefs of Staff which were made public today in London and Washington.

Sir Alan Brooke, British chief of staff, told Marshall he had been thinking along similar lines. He said, however, that Dr. Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia did not think the Russians would try to sweep over Europe immediately.

The British marshal quoted Dr. Benes as believing Soviet Russia would be bled so badly by the war that it would need a

few years to get its economy going again.

Marshall commented in a meeting of the chiefs of staff that Russia was turning an "increasingly hostile eye on the capitalist world." The Russians, he said, were becoming increasingly contemptuous of their Western allies.

Although minutes of the meeting did not back up the reasons, apparently the Russian view stemmed from Allied refusal to invade Europe as soon

as Moscow would have liked.

CAUTION TAKEN

Early in the world conflict the Allies began to treat Russia with some caution. The combined Chiefs had technicians studying what weapons it could give Russia, what weapons and information it could not give the Russians and what the technicians were doubtful about.

The British chief of staff, while going along with Dr. Benes' view, told Marshall he expected Russia to ask for a part of Poland, at least part of the Baltic states and for concessions in the Balkans.

Strategy against the Japanese discussed by the Combined Chiefs was based on the belief that Russia would not declare war against Japan, or if it did, then it would be so late the result would be obvious.

The major part of the records of meetings of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, a total of 100,000



NEW POLISH LEADERS PROMISE BIG CHANGES

Elves Bringing Santa Letters

Children Pour Their Hearts
Into Yule Notes

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

NORTH POLE (Special)—An avalanche of letters from Twin City area youngsters has been forwarded to Santa's domain in the snowy wastes here by elves in the Benton Harbor post office.

Most are letters from youngsters who pledge to the jolly old saint that they've been good the past year and would appreciate some toys in return.

One Benton Harbor girl told Santa she's been good "all years," though she didn't say how old she is.

HONESTY PAYS
At least one youngster confided he's been both good and bad, but Santa regards honesty as a virtue and indicated toys will be forthcoming anyhow.

Many youngsters say they'll have cookies and milk waiting for Santa to snack on when he arrives by reindeer on Christmas eve. Several tots told Santa how much he means to them and were thoughtful enough to thank him for the gifts he delivered last year.

A tyke from St. Joseph thanked Santa for past gifts and added: "I guess I don't want much this year, but so what" and included a request for three toys "and cloths for Pussy Cat."

A Fairplain girl had some frank admissions and puzzling spelling for Santa. She wrote: "I have so many toys my mother will throw them out. I really want more toys for Christmas. Like a baby kitton."

A lad from Coloma began his letter to the red-suited saint with a breezy "Hi!" and continued: "Are you busy this year. Well, all I want is 16 things. It won't take too long, OK."

Some of the letter addresses

Voting Age Lowered By High Court

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court approved 5 to 4 today lowering the age for voting in national elections to 18 years old.

But, in another 5-4 vote, the court barred lowering the age for state and local elections.

At the same time, the court unanimously upheld the elimination of literacy tests for voting, wherever they exist in the nation.

And it ruled 8 to 1 that states cannot set residence requirements of more than 30 days for voting in presidential elections.

The court issued its decision on the 1970 Federal Voting Rights Act at its last public session of the year. The ruling split the court and the justices took several hundred pages to set forth their views.

and salutations gave Santa a momentary start — especially "Dear Sanata" from a fledgling (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)



GIEREK REPLACES GOMULKA: Wladyslaw Gomułka, right, Polish Communist party boss, resigned Sunday following riots against government-imposed price increases. Radio Warsaw said Edward Gierke, left, considered to be the party's top economist, was named to replace Gomułka. (AP Wirephoto)

Gomulka Topped By Riots

Will Retain
Allegiance
To Moscow

WARSAW (AP) — Poland's new Communist leadership indicates it will revise the economic plans that spawned last week's rioting and will maintain total allegiance to Moscow.

Otherwise, its future course is unclear. Western observers consider the new party First Secretary Edward Gierke a dedicated Communist identified with neither the liberal nor the nationalistic party factions.

Radio Warsaw reported Sunday that Gierke, the party's top economist and party secretary of Silesia, had replaced Wladyslaw Gomułka, who resigned along with President Marian Spychalski and three other members of the Politburo. Apparently Premier Jozef Cyrankiewicz was not affected.

Gierke's success in keeping his home province quiet was seen as a key to his promotion. As bloody riots shook Gdansk, Gdynia, Sopot, Szczecin and Slupsk—shipbuilding, seaport and industrial centers in the north—workers remained quiet in industrial Silesia, where violence was widespread during the bread riots that brought Gomułka to power in 1956.

Last week's disturbances began after the Gomułka regime raised prices 17 to 20 per cent on food, clothing and other essentials in a prelude to a new five-year plan that was to begin next month.

In a television address after his elevation, Gierke said: "We will have to reconsider carefully the problem of the economic plan for next year and for the whole five-year period."

The riots, he said, resulted from "inconsiderate concepts in economic policy. We will remove these." He said his administration will consult with "the working class and intelligentsia," adding:

"Recent events have reminded us in a painful manner this basic truth: that the party must always maintain a close link with the working class and the whole nation."

He said hostile forces cannot "lead us astray or return us from the road of Socialism. We are going together with the whole great Socialist community and chiefly with our tested

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Wounded By Hunter

Little Girl Winning Battle To Survive

By LYNNE OLSON
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — Little Karyn Prestwich will open her Christmas presents Friday in a hospital bed, and she'll eat the traditional turkey dinner with her family in a hospital cafeteria.

Despite the antiseptic surroundings, Karyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Prestwich, say it will be the happiest Christmas their family has ever spent.

Their 6-year-old daughter is winning a struggle for life which began when she was mistaken for a deer Nov. 6 on a rural highway near her home in North Fork, Idaho.

WAITING FOR BUS
Blonde, blue-eyed Karyn, who started first grade in September, was waiting for her school bus when she was struck in the stomach by a rifle bullet.

Taken to a Salmon, Idaho, hospital and later transferred to the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, she remained in critical condition for almost a month with badly damaged kidneys.

The doctors who treated her said the little girl made an extraordinarily determined fight for life.

"It's taken quite a while for her to bounce back," said her mother, "and it will be at least another month before she can be released."

"She's getting terribly bored and keeps asking to get out so she can go back to school, which she loves."

Mrs. Prestwich, who has maintained a day-and-night vigil by Karen's bedside since the accident, said her husband, a U.S. Forest Service employee, who with two other children would come to Salt Lake City this week to spend the Christmas holidays.

Her daughter's greatest unhappiness during her long hospital stay has been the prolonged

separation from her two sisters, Carrie, 3, and Jenny, 1, Mrs. Prestwich added.

MAN ACCUSED

Karyn has received many gifts, including a doll sent by Roy C. Wells, 52, of Torrance, Calif., who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon in

the shooting.

"She keeps telling me that she thinks he is a very nice man," Mrs. Prestwich said. "She's glad he still thinks about her."

"The man didn't mean to



KARYN RECOVERING: Six-year-old Karyn Prestwich appears to be on the road to recovery from an accidental gunshot wound. Karyn, of North Fork, Idaho, was in critical condition for almost a month at a Salt Lake City hospital after a deer hunter mistook her for a deer and shot her. (AP Wirephoto)

Good Fellow Fund Mounting Christmas Spirit Keeps Spreading

Herald-Press Good Fellow momentum continued as gifts totaling \$221.50 arrived to push the already-record high total to \$5,430.50.

It appears that by the time all the gifts are totaled the 1970 final record may hit \$5,500.

The generosity of so many people who gave money, time,

effort, interest, encouragement and their best wishes will enable the fund to send out a record number of gifts. This has been a hard year for many and requests for fund set a record too.

For 40 years Good Fellows under one banner or another have banded together to make

sure that no one will miss Christmas.

TODAY'S DONORS

The list opens with Karen Nuechterlein tripping across the street with \$10. Then Donna, Don and Jane slipped in with \$5 when no one was looking. No sooner had they disappeared when Carol, Cici and Polly

added \$5. They had only one request. Please spell "Cici" correct.

Bill Hass put \$10 into the Good Fellow fund "in memory of son, Kevin Hass."

"Twas the week before Christmas and all through the house, everybody was busy, especially A. Nonnie Mouse."

Earlier we received a gift from A. Nony Mouse (and got it credited to the right fund, too).

Then in comes \$10 from A. Nonnie Mouse and the only

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Thayer Paper & Janitor Supply Co. will be closed Dec. 26. Adv.



BALL AND CHAIN: Francis A. Johnson, a 66-year-old bachelor carpenter, uses a railroad jack to wind his ball of baling twine at his Darwin, Minn., home. Johnson says he began collecting the twine in 1950—and now he has 4½ tons of it. He says it all started because his mother taught him not to waste anything. (AP Wirephoto)

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THE HERALD-PRESS
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That Tumbling Steeple
Raises Old Memories

The century-old Methodist church in downtown St. Joseph came tumbling down last week, and raised the dust of memories.

Now in his 50's, St. Joseph Police Chief Tom Gillespie has been a lifelong member of the congregation. Still vivid from his boyhood is the image of a sign advertising the forthcoming appearance of a traveling evangelist. "Come — in your asbestos suit!" the sign advised.

Tom also recalls that he and other boys developed a deft technique for snatching the weekly Sunday School paper, possession of which proved to their mothers they hadn't skipped to play in nearby Lakefront park.

Bill Cohen, owner of Benton Harbor's Michigan Cleaners, was born in his father Hymen's tailor and dry-cleaning shop three blocks away from the St. Joseph church. In the year of his birth, 1910, the shop was on the first floor of a two-story building on Ship street.

"We lived in the back of the shop at first, and that's where I was born. Then business got pretty good, and my dad bought the building. So we moved into the apartment upstairs."

In a house not far away lived Norm and Clare Dutt, pals of Bill's and members of the First Methodist Church. The church had a children's Christmas party; Clare and Norm invited Bill to go along.

Now the Cohens were staunch in the faith of Benton Harbor's Children of Israel synagogue. Concerned that his father might disapprove his attendance at a Christmas party, Bill accepted the invitation but said nothing at home.

The party was great. Every child, including Bill, got gifts. And then someone sat them under a huge Christmas tree and took their picture. The next day the photograph appeared in the local paper.

"I got it good," Bill recalls.

Not The
Army's Day

Codes of personal conduct as traditionally practiced in this nation's service academies are among the world's highest. They have served well to produce not only fine military leaders, but men of exceptional characteristics in all walks of life.

Even so, it is possible to carry the principle to an extreme which negates the point of it all, as West Point proved in the case of the unshined shoes. An 18-year-old cadet was dismissed from the academy for lying about shining his shoes.

That was not quite the whole story. The cadet did lie about his shoes, but then brooded about his untruth and within a few hours turned himself in voluntarily and admitted he had lied. Whereupon he was summarily dismissed.

Many thought the whole point behind the academy's strict honor code was to develop men of integrity. True, the cadet lied. But did he not make up for it by turning himself in? Was not that act a strong test of his personal honor and credibility?

The Army obviously over-reacted in this case and in doing so besmirched the principles it said it was upholding. A young man who would confess to such a minor infraction knowing the possible consequences ought to be welcomed anywhere, including West Point, with open arms.

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GLANCING BACKWARDS

ZICK GIVEN
JUDGE POST

—1 Year Ago—
Berrien Circuit Judge Karl F. Zick this week was redesignated by Fellow Berrien circuit judges as presiding judge of the Second Judicial (Berrien county) district for 1970.
Judge Zick has been presiding judge since that office was created Jan. 1, 1969, with the addition of a third circuit judge in this district.

REDS PROMISE
TO HELP CUBA

—10 Years Ago—
Prime Minister Fidel Castro told sugar workers today the Communist Bloc will buy four million tons of Cuban sugar at four cents a pound next year if

WILLIAM RITT

You're
Telling Me!

It's now predicted housewives some day will shop via television—making their selections on the video screen, then just pushing a button for quick delivery. Good idea — if it doesn't interfere with Mom's watching of her favorite afternoon TV soap operas!

Columbus, we read, received \$320 for discovering America. A great navigator but a rotten businessman?

Italian thieves stole an 886-pound safe which contained only six cents. A case of penny Unwise and plenty of pounds foolish?

A meteorologist is a person who studies the weather, a Factograph item reveals. But, like all the rest of us, he doesn't do anything about it!

When a college football coach is hung in effigy by students it's a good indication that he's at the end of his rope.

Our office atlas reveals Antarctica has the highest mean elevation of any continent — 6,000 feet. It has the meanest temperatures, too!

The Atlas moth of India has a wing spread of 12 inches — nature item. That's no bug — that's a little airplane with six legs instead of wheels!

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

RAILROAD UNIONS
NOT GETTING RIGHTS?

I find it's time for the railroads to stand up and demand that we be treated like first class citizens.

The laws, the courts, the Government — they're all stacked against allowing members of railroad unions to use the weapons that other labor unions are free to use. The long tedious procedures that must be followed in the railroad industry before self help can be applied in labor disputes are bad enough. But when that self help period does arrive, there is always a judge or the Government to further deprive us of our rights. The railroad knows this.

That's why they stall and wait for the system to do their work rather than engage in real

the United States maintains its boycott of the island's chief crop.

Four million tons is about two-third of Cuba's normal crop, and four cents a pound is nearly one cent above the world price.

BRITISH GUNS
POUND FOE

—30 Years Ago—
While British bombers, artillery, and warships were reported battering beleaguered Bardia today in an effort to smash a path through the Italian defenses, a general headquarters communiqué announced British troops had captured an additional 900 prisoners and were "clearing" the areas to the northwest and west of the eastern Libyan base.

As the British closed in, large units of the trapped Fascist forces were said to be trying desperately to slip through the ring of steel around their eastern Libyan base under cover of darkness and the pall of smoke and dust hanging over the town after five days of

bombardment.

NEW SIGNS

—40 Years Ago—
The St. Joseph city commission last night authorized the expenditure of approximately \$600 in the erection of 225 new street signs. The new signs will be the four-way type visible from every angle at street intersections.

ELECTED CRITIC

—50 Years Ago—
Word has been received that Miss Isabelle Fyfe, former St. Joseph high school student, has been elected critic of a literary society at Cornell college.

BOOMING BUSINESS

—50 Years Ago—
Never before in the history of the local postoffice have so many cards come pouring in.

THE BAND PLAYS ON

—50 Years Ago—
Swan's band is celebrating Christmas time by playing popular airs around the business streets. Substantial courtesies are shown to them in a number of places.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1 — Who was Mother Ship-ton?
- 2 — Who was Mother Cabrini?
- 3 — What is a Mother Hubbard?
- 4 — When is Mother's Day?
- 5 — Who was the mother of St. John the Baptist?

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE
PERSEVERANCE — PUR-se-VIR-ens) — noun; steady persistence in a course of action; a purpose, a state, etc.

YOUR FUTURE

Life will proceed evenly and happily along its predestined way. Today's child will be affable and refined.

IT'S BEEN SAID

Envy assails the noblest; the winds howl around the highest peaks. — Ovid.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1909 the first junior high school was authorized in Berkeley, Calif.

BORN TODAY

As a young man Benjamin Disraeli hesitated in deciding between a political and a

literary career. His final choice gave Britain one of her outstanding statesmen and prime ministers.



He was a member of Parliament, leader of the opposition in Commons, thrice chancellor of the exchequer and twice prime minister.

Disraeli was created a peer in 1876. It was by his initiative that Britain acquired the Suez Canal nearly 100 years ago — a move that had effects so far reaching that they extend into the present era.

He was responsible for having Queen Victoria proclaimed Empress of India and for negotiating "peace with honor" at the Congress of Berlin.

As a young man, he looked forward to a literary career. His best novels, written at this time, are marked by acute wit — sharp realism and an individual style. His works include "Vivian Grey," "The Wondrous Tale of Alroy," "Henrietta Temple," and "Coningsby or the New Generation."

Several of his novels reveal the pride which Disraeli, a baptized Anglican, felt in his Jewish ancestry.

His nonfiction works are now chiefly of historical interest, but like his novels, they show his conservative convictions, his disdain for theories of abstract rights and his trust in democratic Toryism.

Disraeli felt the duty of social reform and exhibited his pride in the British empire and the crown on every occasion.

Disraeli, the first Earl of Beaconsfield, died in 1881.

Others born today include Jane Fonda, Josef Stalin, Walter Hagen and John W. McCormack.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

- 1 — A British seeress of the 15th century who predicted the automobile and airplane at that time.
- 2 — First American citizen to be canonized a saint.
- 3 — A full, loose gown for women.
- 4 — The second Sunday of May.
- 5 — Elizabeth, cousin of Mary.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking
Of Your Health

What's so bad about the hallucinations caused by LSD? I have tried it, and when I am finished with a trip I have no aftereffects.

Mr. E. J. Calif.
Dear Mr. J.: I wish I could show a photostat of your letter in its entirety to young readers and their parents.

It would clearly demonstrate that your concept "no aftereffects" is entirely wrong, perhaps even delusional. Moreover, it would highlight the danger of this and other psychotropic drugs.

You have dropped out of school. You are mixed up with a gang of pot smokers. You have not been able to hold a job. You are in a constant of anger and hostility.

You've got an answer for everything that helps you avoid responsibility to yourself and your family.

You've "copped out" on all your obligations with standard excuses, and you are sacrificing the hopeful joys and rewards of living for the escape into the artificial world of drugs.

Yes, you do have aftereffects — permanent aftereffects that are leaving their telltale marks on your life and are depriving you of your real potential.

Hallucinations that result from any one of the many drugs that are regrettably available to you and to other "sophisticated" young adults are identified by psychologists in the following way:

They give you a false sense of perception, with no relationship

to reality. Your hallucinations may be visual or by sound, or by smell and taste.

Your judgment is usually reduced, and there is a totally indifferent attitude to the dangers that surround you. And here lies the real threat to your life.

It is during these periods of inadequate judgment that you can be tempted to try the hard drugs. Re-read this until you really understand that it can actually happen. It takes only about half a dozen shots of heroin to be hooked and caught in the trap from which you probably cannot extricate yourself.

And now let me quote a New York Times report: "An 18-year-old youth, reportedly on a 'bum acid trip,' was rescued by two patrolmen as he threatened to jump off the Williamsburg Bridge into the East River. The youth was taken to Bellevue Hospital for psychiatric observation."

There were 22 other young people in the same ward, for the same reason.

Did you say "no aftereffects"?

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Some form of regulated exercise is beneficial. Try it.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-care booklet available for readers of this column called, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

| NORTH | | EAST | |
|--------------|--|----------------|--|
| ♠ K 6 5 2 | | ♠ 7 | |
| ♥ K 8 7 5 | | ♥ Q 5 4 3 2 | |
| ♦ A 8 7 6 3 | | ♦ J 9 5 2 | |
| SOUTH | | WEST | |
| ♠ J | | ♠ A K 10 8 7 6 | |
| ♥ Q 9 | | ♥ Q 8 | |
| ♦ A Q 10 8 3 | | ♦ Q 4 | |
| ♣ J | | ♣ A 10 6 4 | |
| ♣ K 10 | | | |

The bidding:
East 1♦ South 1♥ West 3♥ North 4♥
Pass 6♦ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — ace of hearts. The 1967 world championship match between Italy and North America started out with a bang when both teams bid and made a slam on Board No. 1. True, no blood was spilt on the deal, but even so, the spectators got a good run for their money as the conflicting styles of the teams led them each to their proper destination.

At the first table, with Italy North-South, Belladonna started with a diamond, faithful to the Roman Club system of opening with the shorter of two long suits.

Kehela tried to jam the

Italian bidding space with three hearts, but Avarelli had no difficulty coping with this when he cuebid hearts to show a void. Murray, aware that North-South could almost surely make a slam, inserted another nuisance bid by leaping to six hearts.

This did not faze Belladonna. He introduced his hitherto unmentioned spades at the six level and, as usual, landed on both feet. There was very little to the play and declarer easily made twelve tricks.

The bidding started along more conventional lines at the second table, where Kay and Kaplan were North-South for the U.S. It went:

| East | South | West | North |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | 1♦ | 2♥ | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5NT |
| Pass | 6♥ | Pass | 6♣ |

Kaplan opened with a spade and Kay cuebid hearts one level lower than at the first table. Four notrump was Blackwood and Kay's five notrump response showed a void and one ace.

Kaplan's six heart cuebid strongly invited a grand slam, but Kay had no extra values and, in effect, he closed the bidding with six spades.

So Board No. 1, despite all the fireworks, ended in a dead heat.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of his wedding to a faithful but extremely bossy wife, a Wilmington resident was asked how he had kept his peace of mind all those years. "We have frequent differences of opinion," confessed the grey-haired husband, "but they blow over in no time. I learned the system six months after we were married. I just don't mention the differences to my wife."

Bob Elliot and Ray Goulding, known and loved by millions of radio and TV fans as Bob and Ray, have kidded everything and everybody in their time, but it's done so subtly that nobody ever has taken umbrage at their jibes. They describe their technique as "a sort of back-and-forth style." "A lady did walk out on us one evening," recalls Bob. "She may have been one of those radicals you read about, but on the other hand, maybe she just got a cramp in her leg."

"Everything is smooth as silk on the airwaves today," says Ray, "but in the early period of radio, you'd be listening and often the program would go off entirely. They always blamed it on 'difficulties West of Denver.' I kept imagining some crazed Mountie with a huge clipper!" One glamor girl you're never going to find at a nudist party is Zsa Zsa Gabor. "What's the good of being seen some place," she reasons, "where all the women are wearing the same thing?"



Factographs

Spain is the present name of Iberia.

There were some 60 million bison in North America before the Europeans came.

George Washington was the first U.S. President to use a veto.

A, B, AB and O are the principal blood groups.

Lhasa was the name of the "Forbidden City" of Tibet.

The swell shark is unique in that it lays rectangular eggs.

Long wings cannot be moved as quickly as short wings.

Any pitch higher than the human ear can hear is called an ultrasonic sound.



OPERATION SUCCESSFUL: Six year-old Jane Urbano has the Christmas spirit as she assists her mother in wrapping Christmas presents. The Urbano family of 1933 Colfax avenue, Fairplain, has a special reason for celebrating Christmas this year since Jane's open heart surgery last October to correct a hole in her heart was declared a success last Tuesday by doctors at the University of Michigan hospital in Ann Arbor.

Best Christmas Gift Of All For Little Girl

Heart Surgery Brings Her Normal Life

By BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

What does a six year-old girl enjoy most during the Christmas holidays? Maybe its the suspense of what Santa Claus will bring, or the excitement of putting up the Christmas tree, or playing outside in the snow with friends, or even waiting to go back to school.

This is what Jane Urbano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urbano, 1933 Colfax avenue, Fairplain, can look forward to after a six week isolation period following her open heart surgery last October.

OPERATION DELAYED
Jane was born with a hole in her heart. The Urbanos were informed of this when she was seven weeks-old. "Doctors advised us to delay an operation until Jane was five or six," said Mrs. Urbano.

Jane celebrated her sixth birthday Oct. 4 and entered the University of Michigan hospital

in Ann Arbor, two weeks later. Surgery was performed two days later.

Jane spent ten days after her operation in the hospital. "She took it very well and enjoyed the hospital. She even liked going to school there," said Mrs. Urbano.

Jane's six-week isolation period ended December 15 when doctors in Ann Arbor pronounced the operation a success and gave her permission to return to school.

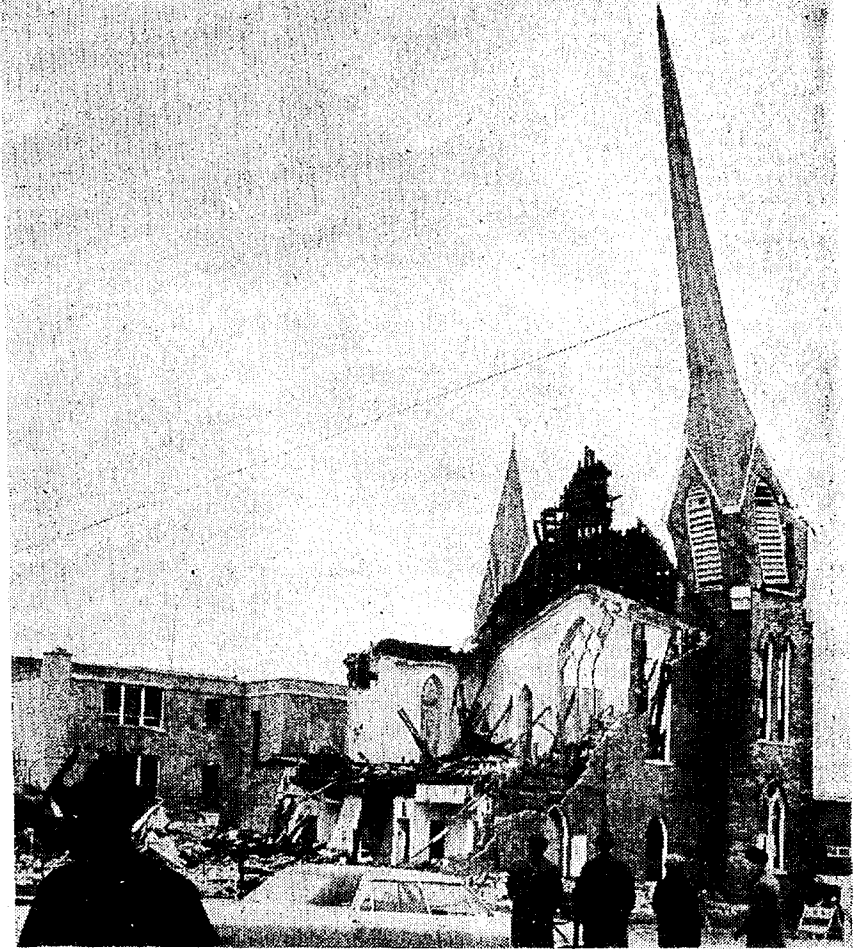
The story doesn't just end with the successful operation. Part of it concerns friendship and giving and caring for other people.

BLOOD DONATED

The Urbanos are originally from Waterloo, New York, and only came to Benton Harbor two years ago. But when word of Jane's forthcoming operation drifted back to Waterloo, last October friends and acquaintances volunteered to give blood.

Sixty five persons in the Waterloo area gave blood for Jane. One close friend organized a car pool and drove people to the local blood mobile unit.

Jane's story has a happy ending. At last word, she was outside playing with her friends. Now she can happily await Santa Claus.



Century-Old Landmark Falls

Church steeple that had stood in St. Joseph since 1869 was toppled in a matter of hours, once man and machine went to work on it. Even then, the landmark gave way grudgingly because a bulldozer was called in to give extra power to a front end loader that couldn't do the job alone. Machines demolished steeple by pulling it over with a cable. The steeple was at the former First Methodist church, Main and Broad streets. Staff photographer Harry Smith caught this sequence as it came down. First United Methodist church occupies new quarters on Leco court.



Whirlpool Writes Off \$14 Million

Whirlpool Corp. will make special provision in its 1970 financial reporting to write off \$14 million in anticipated losses and expenses related to two models of central gas air conditioners manufactured at its Ft. Smith, Ark., plant.

Elisha Gray, II, chairman of the board of Whirlpool, said that manufacture and sale of three-ton and five-ton capacity central gas air conditioners has been halted completely. He said the units generally have functioned well, but that "some, over a period of time, have not measured up to Whirlpool's high standards."

TO IMPROVE QUALITY

Gray said manufacture of the units would not be resumed until an engineering program to improve their quality and performance has been completed and the long-range viability of the gas air conditioner market has been established.

The \$14 million write-off after taxes, expected to be shown in the year end report will include \$2.5 million in operating losses incurred on the air conditioners and already shown in previous earnings reports for the first nine months of 1970.

Gray said Whirlpool earnings for fourth quarter will be "disappointing," because of a nine-week strike at the firm's Evansville, Ind., division.

Looking further ahead, Gray declared: "Since many of the problems that have confronted Whirlpool this year are behind us, we view the outlook for 1971 with optimism."

Boy Killed By Car Window

KENTWOOD (AP) — A five year-old boy was killed in the driveway of his home Friday when the rear power window of a station wagon snapped up on his chest and throat strangling him, Kentwood police reported.

Kevin Cook was playing in the car when "somehow the key was placed in the ignition," said Police Chief Richard Dryer of Kentwood, a Grand Rapids suburb. "The lad was apparently crawling out the back window when he must have hit the switch and the window came up."

Family Launches New Toy Company

Colomans Making Unique Record Player

By CLIFF STEVENS
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COLOMA — The Pink Panther is in Coloma for the record.

The Panther in this case is a four-speed portable record player made in the image of the Pink Panther cartoon character.

The player is being produced by the Collet Toy Manufacturing company, David street, under exclusive production and sale rights from United Artists Incorporated. United Artists developed the Pink Panther character in cartoons and movies.

Larry Hughes, owner of the business, designed the phonograph and, with the aid of his two sons hopes to make 50 of them before Christmas.

IN BASEMENT

The plastic case, already pre-shaped, is hand painted, assembled, and packaged in the basement of the Hughes' home. Hughes' first started the company in 1965 with the backing of local investors. Toys that he has experimented with include a flying saucer, a spider (Yoo-Yoo) and a vinyl plastic train that appears indestructible.

"We first started the business thinking that the dollar items would be best, but we shifted our philosophy after learning that they require too high a production," said Hughes.

10 Killed

A car-snowmobile accident took the lives of a young couple at a rural intersection near Bad Axe Sunday. Police said David Fienkel, 29, and Sandy Koss, 17, were thrown over the front of a snowmobile on which they were riding and crashed into a car. Miss Koss died of a broken neck and Fienkel suffered a fractured skull.

The accident brought the Associated Press weekend traffic fatality count to ten persons. The count began at six p.m. Friday and continued through Sunday.



PINK PANTHER PHONOGRAPH: Carol Lynn Hughes, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hughes, Coloma, is entertained by the Pink Panther phonograph which her father designed and manufactures at their home. Hughes, who heads the Collet Toy Manufacturing Company, plans soon to begin mass production of the phonographs, which he has exclusive rights to sell. (Cliff Stevens photo)

Invitation Is Not Necessary

"If you didn't receive an invitation, you're still invited," a cautioning college students were informed today by Fran Klemm, chairman of "Operation Native Son and Daughter."

The event sponsored by the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and local business, industries and schools will be held Dec. 29 at the new Ramada Inn, Benton Harbor. Purpose is to keep local college graduates working in the Twin Cities area.

Klemm said invitations have been sent to college juniors and seniors who have graduated from local high schools. Klemm stressed that students who did not graduate from local high schools, but whose parents have moved into the area, are also invited to participate.

The event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. and conclude at about 4 p.m. Students may participate in this event at no cost. They will be the guests of industries, businesses and schools taking part.

Klemm said persons who have not received a registration form and wish to take part in the day-long interview session, may obtain one by calling the chamber office 925-0044.

Niles Bank Still In The Ball Game

Seeks Branch In Fairplain

A decision in late November by the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency denying the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan a Fairplain branch office appeared at the time to be a case of three strikes and you're out.

Last week the Comptroller indicated he might be throwing the fourth ball and waiving the Niles institution to first base.

RE-HEARING SET

He has scheduled a re-hearing of the November opinion at his district offices in the New Federal Building at Chicago. A letter from the Washington agency which regulates federally chartered banks said the hearing date would be announced later. Samuel G. Creden, First National's president, estimates the session would be set for late January at the earliest.

It will be a public meeting to which anyone having an interest in the subject can present his views.

All three of the Twin City banks have consistently opposed Creden's efforts to move any closer to the area than Sodus where First National established an office a few years ago.

Three years ago the Comptroller denied First National's petition to open a branch on Napier avenue two blocks west from the Colfax avenue intersection. The St. Joseph township board almost simultaneously turned down a request to rezone the proposed site from residential to commercial.

SITE ACQUIRED

Later the Niles bank acquired the northwest corner at Napier and Colfax, then occupied by a small filling station and zoned for commercial purposes.

The Comptroller rejected First National's request for an office at that location.

Subsequently the bank optioned the property to the Sun Oil Company which soon is opening a super-sized station at the corner and bought a new location on the west side of Colfax two blocks south from the Napier intersection.

This is the area currently in dispute between Creden and the Twin City banks.

BH Fire Inspection Bureau In New Spot

The fire inspection bureau of the Benton Harbor fire department is now located on the second floor of city hall with other inspection offices.

Fire chief Harold Gaddie said the bureau moved from quarters in the fire department to room 205 for greater efficiency and convenience of citizens. Room 205 also contains building, plumbing and electrical inspection offices.

The fire department inspection bureau is charged with rental inspection, housing inspection and handling of complaints related to inspection. The telephone number is 925-7061.